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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports as follows:

Week ended September 12, 1907. Present officially estimated population, about 8,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 5	Wanderer	Galveston	39	0	0	0
6	Anselm	New Orleans	43	5	8	0
7	Belize	Mobile	18	1	0	0

CHINA.

Report from Newchwang—Quarantine against Amoy, Foochow, and Hongkong.

Information is received from the Department of State that a dispatch, dated September 4, 1907, from the consul-general at Newchwang, China, states that that port has now established a quarantine against the ports of Hongkong, Amoy, and Foochow, the matter having been first submitted to the consular body, which concurred with the local authorities in the enforcement of the same.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox—Epidemic cholera—Smallpox at Chefoo—Typhus fever at Hankow.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, August 16:

Week ended August 10, 1907. One original and 3 supplemental bills of health were issued. Two steamers were passed upon medical officers' certificates and inspection of passengers at the tender; 2 were inspected and 1 was disinfected. There were also inspected 101 members of crews, 3 cabin and 6 steerage passengers; 2 cases of illness were investigated and found nonquarantinable. Manifests were viséed for 29,774 pieces of freight, and there were disinfected 76 pieces of crew's and 9 pieces steerage passengers' baggage. Two emigrants for San Francisco per steamship *Hongkong Maru* were inspected and passed.

The weekly report of the municipal health department shows that there were reported during the week among foreigners 2 new cases of smallpox and 3 new cases of cholera; and among natives 18 deaths from smallpox, 90 deaths from cholera.

With regard to cholera, the disease seems to be of a fulminant character, having jumped into prominence in an astonishingly short time, and is killing many people every day. The mortality is rapidly on the increase. The health officer informed me that he thought there were upward of 300 deaths last week, and the Chinese say there were nearer 600.

Chefoo reports 1 case of smallpox and Hankow 1 case of typhus fever.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Cartagena—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions good—Smallpox diminishing—Antimosquito work begun.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jacobs reports, September 3:

Week ended September 3, 1907.

Bills of health issued.....	3
Passengers from this port.....	2
Crews	258
Members of crews inspected.....	94
Passengers in transit.....	123
Passengers inspected.....	6
Member of crew from this port.....	1

No quarantinable disease was reported by the authorities during the week.

Sanitary condition of Cartagena and surrounding country good. Smallpox is gradually disappearing.

As regards the general sanitary work, the authorities have begun the filling in of pools and low ground where water stagnates as a preliminary measure to be followed later by screening of cisterns and by oiling.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended September 7, 1907. Estimated population 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 1	Limon.....	Boston.....	46	6	0	0
2	Prinz Aug. Wilhelm..	New York.....	122	131	4	0
2	Bluefields.....	New Orleans.....	24	0	0	0
3	Pacuare.....	New York.....	53	1	0	0
4	Ellis.....	New Orleans.....	38	1	44	0
6	Reventazon.....	New York.....	53	5	0	0
7	Greenbrier.....	New Orleans.....	46	12	0	0

Two bills of health for Panaman ports viséed.